

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for obtaining a video signal from a position proximate an eye level of a person viewing a display screen, the apparatus comprising:

a camera having a housing and a lens; and

5 an attachment mechanism that removably secures the housing directly to a screen portion of the display screen such that the camera is disposed between the display screen and the person.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the attachment mechanism provides
10 substantially residue-free attachment to the screen portion of the display screen.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the camera is a wireless camera.

4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the wireless camera operates
15 according to a protocol selected from the group consisting of: IEEE 802.11, IEEE 802.11a, IEEE 802.11b, Bluetooth, HiperLan, and HiperLan/2.

5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the attachment mechanism comprises a suction fitting.

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6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the suction fitting comprises a suction cup secured to the housing.

7. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the suction fitting comprises a
25 suction cup having an engagement member, wherein the housing further comprises

an orifice, and wherein the engagement member is inserted into and releasably retained within the orifice.

8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the attachment mechanism
5 comprises an adhesive layer secured to the housing.

9. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the adhesive layer is provided by double-sided tape.

10 10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the display screen comprises a flat panel display.

11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the attachment mechanism
15 comprises a magnet secured to the housing.

12. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the attachment mechanism
comprises first and second magnets, wherein the first magnet is secured to the
housing, and wherein magnetic force between the first and second magnets
removably secures the housing to the screen portion.

20 13. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a camera holder having a pocket, wherein the camera holder is affixed to the display screen such that the camera is able to rest within the pocket.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the camera further comprises an adjustable tilt setting.

15. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the lens is exposed while the camera rests inside the pocket.

16. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the camera is disposed in the center of the screen portion.

17. An apparatus for obtaining a video signal from a position proximate an eye level of a person viewing a display screen, the apparatus comprising:

a camera housing;

a camera lens contained within the housing, the lens being configured to cause the convergence of light rays passing through the lens; and

a suction cup attached to the housing to removably secure the housing directly to a screen portion of the display screen such that the lens is disposed between the display screen and the person.

18. An apparatus for obtaining a video signal from a position proximate an eye level of a person viewing a display screen, the apparatus comprising:

a camera housing;

a camera lens contained within the housing, the lens being configured to

5 cause the convergence of light rays passing through the lens; and

an adhesive layer that removably secures the housing directly to a screen portion of the display screen such that the lens is disposed between the display screen and the person.

10 19. An apparatus for obtaining a video signal from a position proximate an eye level of a person viewing a display screen, the apparatus comprising:

a camera housing;

a camera lens contained within the housing, the lens being configured to cause the convergence of light rays passing through the lens; and

15 a first magnet that exerts a magnetic force to removably secure the housing to a screen portion of the display screen such that the lens is disposed between the display screen and the person.

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20. A method for obtaining a video signal from a position proximate an eye level of a person viewing a display screen, the method comprising:

providing a camera having a housing and a lens;

providing an attachment mechanism;

5 securing the attachment mechanism to the housing; and

removably securing the attachment mechanism directly to a screen portion of the display screen such that the camera is disposed between the display screen and the person.

10 21. The method of claim 20, wherein the attachment mechanism provides substantially residue-free attachment to the screen portion of the display screen.

22. The method of claim 20, wherein providing a camera comprises providing a wireless camera.

15 23. The method of claim 22, wherein providing a wireless camera comprises providing a wireless camera that operates according to a protocol selected from the group consisting of: IEEE 802.11, IEEE 802.11a, IEEE 802.11b, Bluetooth, HiperLan, and HiperLan/2.

20 24. The method of claim 20, wherein providing an attachment mechanism comprises providing a suction fitting.

25 25. The method of claim 24, wherein securing the attachment mechanism to the housing comprises securing a suction cup to the housing.

26. The method of claim 24, wherein providing an attachment mechanism comprises providing a suction fitting having an engagement member, wherein the housing further comprises an orifice, and further comprising inserting the engagement member into the orifice such that the engagement member is releasably retained within the orifice.

27. The method of claim 20, wherein providing an attachment mechanism comprises providing an adhesive layer.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein the adhesive layer is provided by double-sided tape.

29. The method of claim 20, wherein the display screen comprises a flat panel display.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein providing an attachment mechanism comprises providing a magnet.

31. The method of claim 29, wherein providing an attachment mechanism comprises providing first and second magnets, wherein securing the attachment mechanism to the housing comprises securing the first magnet to the housing, and wherein removably securing the attachment mechanism directly to a screen portion
5 of the display screen comprises removably securing the housing to the screen portion using magnetic force between the first and second magnets.

32. The method of claim 20, further comprising:

providing a camera holder having a pocket; and

10 affixing the camera holder to the display screen such that the camera is able to rest within the pocket.

33. The method of claim 32, wherein providing a camera comprises providing a camera with an adjustable tilt setting.

15 34. The method of claim 33, further comprising inserting the camera inside the camera holder such that the lens is visible while the camera rests inside the pocket.

20 35. The method of claim 20, wherein the camera is disposed in the center of the screen portion.

36. A method for obtaining a video signal from a position proximate an eye level of a person viewing a display screen, the method comprising:

providing a camera having a housing and a lens;

providing a suction cup;

5 attaching the suction cup to the housing; and

removably securing the suction cup directly to a screen portion of the display screen such that the camera is disposed between the display screen and the person.

37. A method for obtaining a video signal from a position proximate an eye

10 level of a person viewing a display screen, the method comprising:

providing a camera having a housing and a lens;

providing an adhesive layer;

securing the adhesive layer to the housing; and

15 removably securing the adhesive layer directly to a screen portion of the display screen such that the camera is disposed between the display screen and the person.

38. A method for obtaining a video signal from a position proximate an eye level of a person viewing a display screen, the method comprising:

20 providing a camera having a housing and a lens;

providing a first magnet; and

removably securing the housing directly to a screen portion of the display screen using a magnetic force exerted by the first magnet, wherein the camera is disposed between the display screen and the person.

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39. An apparatus for obtaining a video signal from a position proximate an eye level of a person viewing a display screen, the apparatus comprising:

a camera having a housing and a means for converging light within the housing; and

5 a means for removably securing the housing directly to a screen portion of the display screen such that the camera is disposed between the display screen and the person.